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SUBJ: PRESIDENT BANDA' S COMMENTS IN PARLIAMENT ON
INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

CAPE TOWN FOR EMBASSY

1. IN SPEECH OPENING BUDGET SESSION MALAWI PARLIAMENT MAR 13,
PRESIDENT BANDA EXPRESSED FULL SUPPORT FOR US POSITION AND
PRESIDENT JOHNSON' S DECISION IN COMING TO SVN AID IN 1965-66.
BANDA SAID MALAWI' S VIETNAM POSITION FROM OUTSET HAD BEEN
BASED ON SELF- INTEREST. CONSTRUCTING ANALOGY TO DEPREDACTIONS
OF GENGHIS KHAN IN 13 TH CENTURY, BANDA SAW CHANCE OF HISTORY
REPEATING ITSELF " ON WINGS OF JET AIRCRAFT" IF US HAD NOT
STOOD UP TO COMMUNISTS, PARTICULARLY CHINESE COMMUNISTS.
IN ABSENCE OF US STAND, COMMUNISTS MIGHT WELL HAVE TAKEN
OVER SEA AND INDIA, FROM WHERE IT ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE
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CENTRAL AND EVEN SOUTH AFRICA MIGHT COME UNDER COMMUNIST SWAY. FOR THIS REASON MALAWI WAS GRATEFUL TO US FOR PRES. JOHNSON'S DECISION TO INTERVENE, JUST AS PRESIDENT NIXON WAS TO BE CONGRATULATED ON NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT. PRESIDENT CONCLUDED THAT CEASE- FIRE VIOLATIONS WERE DISTURBING SIGN AND REITERATED HIS WELL- KNOWN VIEW OF MISTRUST OF COMMUNIST MOTIVES.

2. AFTER NOTING THERE " NOTHING NEW WORTH DISCUSSING" RE SOUTH AFRICA, MOZAMBIQUE OR RHODESIA (SIC), PRESIDENT TURNED TO ZAMBIA. HE REPEATED HIS VIEW THAT MALAWI AND ZAMBIA ESSENTIALLY WERE SAME COUNTRY ARTIFICIALLY DIVIDED BY COLONIALISTS. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES MALAWI WAS DETERMINED DO ALL POSSIBLE TO ENABLE SISTER COUNTRY TO OPEN AND MAINTAIN EFFECTIVE SUPPLY ROUTES ACROSS MALAWI AND MOZAMBIQUE. TO THIS END MALAWI TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND PORT FACILITIES IN NACALA HAD BEEN MADE AVAILABLE TO ZAMBIA. LEAD, ZINC AND OTHER GOODS (AMOUNTS UNSPECIFIED) WERE ALREADY FLOWING IN BOTH DIRECTIONS.

3. BANDA ASSURED PARLIAMENT OF PORTUGUESE SUPPORT IN EFFORT SUPPLY ZAMBIA. HE NOTED TRADITIONAL PORTUGUESE POLICY " IN CONFORMANCE WITH LAW OF THE SEA" OF GRANTING ACCESS TO LAND- LOCKED STATES AND SAID " AT REQUEST OF MALAWI" PORTUGAL HAD GUARANTEED FULL COOPERATION.

4. REST OF SPEECH DEALT WITH BUDGETARY MATTERS, HIGHLIGHT OF WHICH WAS EXPECTED ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HENCEFORTH MALAWI SHOULD NOT REQUIRE BUDGETARY SUPPORT FROM U. K.

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